

6.1.1 - FACTORS OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

What factors enabled the United States to become a major industrial power?

There were many factors that enabled the U.S. to become a major industrial power. Many of these factors include businesses turning into corporations, the size of the United States, and immigration. Technology was also a big part of the industrial power.

When businesses turned into corporations, the industry skyrocketed. Because corporations sold stock, more people supported corporations, so they would get a share of the profits. Eventually, these corporations grew bigger and bigger, and now we see them every single day. All of these corporations helped with the industry, and because there were so many corporations, the industry grew like a mustard seed.

The size of the United States also affected the industrial power. With more property, the U.S. had room for more industry. Because the United States kept expanding, there was more room for trade and resources, and seeing as we were trading with Great Britain, the industrial power was really becoming huge.

Immigration played a major role in the industrial power as well. Immigrants came to America, because they wanted freedom of religion, and political unrest in their native homelands disturbed them. When the immigrants came to America, they found many jobs in corporations, and because there was more to get from those corporations, there was more industrial power. There were many different languages spoken in one neighborhood, so that led to new opportunities for each ethnicity. These opportunities were also vital in the industrial power.

Technology was probably the biggest part of industrial power. As time went by, many new technological inventions were being made. But one of the most important technological advancements was transportation. Elevated trains were made, allowing passengers to travel over crowded streets. In 1887, the first electric streetcar system was made, allowing people to get where they wanted quicker. As these technological advances got more and more popular, the industrial power got remarkably larger.

Corporations, the size of the U.S., immigration, and technology were all major roles of the industrial power. If it weren't for these things, the industry would probably be dramatically weak today. This is something you should think about any time you ask yourself what industry was like in the past.